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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: AMANDA P. STRANGE, BPR# 22226
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SHELBY COUNTY LAWYER CENSURED

On July 20, 2009, Amanda P. Strange, licensed in Tennessee, received a Public Censure from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 9, the Board considered this matter at its meeting on June 12, 2009.

Strange worked on personal injury cases for Complainant attorney as an independent contractor of Complainant's firm. In early March and into early April, 2008, management discovered that Strange had somehow obtained other employees' passwords, which gave Strange access to information from the case management system, including client lists, files, and management reports.

While checking the computer records generated by a key logger, the Complainant became aware that Strange was planning to leave the firm. Despite the fact that Complainant changed the passwords of the management team several times over the course of March and into April, Strange still managed to read the interoffice messages of the management team by obtaining access through one of the case managers. Strange used the case manager's password to log into the system from her own computer. Strange also obtained the password of another staff member. Computer records show Strange logged in at various times and dates to monitor management interoffice messages over the course of several weeks. Prior to her departure, Strange installed a file shredder system on her computer to shred her personal files. Since the computer could not subsequently be reconfigured for a new employee, the firm was unable to use the computer. Also, if files had been exported to any outside computer, evidence of that would have been obliterated.

There was no evidence that files were actually exported to an outside source and Complainant conceded that no files or information were exported.

By the aforementioned facts, Amanda P. Strange has violated Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation) and is hereby Publicly Censured for this violation.

For this violation, the Supreme Court of Tennessee publicly censures Amanda P. Strange. A public censure is a rebuke and warning to the attorney, but it does not affect the attorney's ability to practice law.

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